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Applicant: Frei) Group No.: 2666
Serial No.: 09/594,216) Examiner: Tran
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Title: Method and apparatus for sub-)
network devices without direct)
layer-2 communication and)
coupled to a common)
forwarding agent interface to)
communicate through layer-3)

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RESPONSE

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed February 20, 2004, having a response due by May 20, 2004. Enclosed is a Petition for a one-month extension of time. Thus, this Amendment is timely filed. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.